

## **BEST PRACTICES PROGRAM**

### ***Health Care Facility Success Stories***

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#### **Facility Information**

Name of Facility: Riceville Family Care & Therapy Center	
Street Address: 915 Woodland Avenue	City: Riceville
Telephone Number: 641-985-2606	E-Mail Address:
Name of Individual Submitting Best Practice: John Mulder	Title: Administrator

#### **Category of Submission** (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Integration	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental
<input type="checkbox"/> End-of-Life Experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Habilitation/Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Practices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Rights

#### **Description of Best Practice**

The facilities of Riceville Family Care & Therapy Center in Riceville and Colonial Manor in Elma have a sharing program where each month residents from both facilities travel to the neighboring facility and interact with their neighbors. The first Monday of the month, residents from Elma travel to Riceville, and the third Monday of the month the Riceville residents travel to Elma.

The towns are close enough together that many of the residents are familiar with the residents and people in the other town.

This visiting program allows the residents the opportunity to travel outside of the facility and interact with neighbors in another facility and to make new relationships.

Once completed, submit your Best Practice to: Department of Inspections and Appeals, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0083; fax to 515-242-6863; or e-mail to [webmaster@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:webmaster@dia.iowa.gov) (be sure to include "Best Practices" in the subject line).

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